

Cost would place undue burden on local taxpayers

Toms River, NJ - Congressman John Adler today called on New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to reject a recent petition filed by United Water, Toms River to increase its rates. Congressman Adler said in a letter to Jeanne M. Fox, BPU president, that the increase would have a detrimental effect on the seniors and middle-class families in the area.

"Seniors and middle-class families are already struggling to make ends meet, and the cost of this project should not be jammed down their throats," Congressman Adler said. "In these tough economic times, it is unacceptable for United Water to increase its rates."

Earlier this year, New Jersey Department of Environment Protection announced that United Water was eligible for \$10 million in federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to clean the water they distributed to area residents. United Water subsequently withdrew their application.

The complete text of Congressman Adler's letter to BPU is below.

Jeanne M. Fox, President
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
8th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear President Fox:

I am writing to urge you to reject a recent petition filed with your office by United Water, Toms River, which seeks permission to increase its rates.

This increase would have a detrimental effect on the seniors and middle-class families served by United Water who are already struggling to make ends meet. Earlier this year, New Jersey Department of Environment Protection announced that United Water was eligible for \$10 million in federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to clean the water they

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distributed to area residents. United Water subsequently withdrew that application.

In these tough economic times, it is unacceptable for United Water to increase its rates, especially when United Water had access to substantial federal funding. I therefore urge you to reject this petition and protect the residents of Toms River and Berkeley Township, New Jersey.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 225-4765.

Sincerely,

John Adler
Member of Congress